



InforME July 2020 ~ “Our 75th Birthday year”

Welcome to your monthly update for 2020 from Girlguiding Middlesex East! This mailing goes to all County 18+ who have signed up to receive marketing communications.

Camp 2020 The Home Edition

Plans are coming along nicely. Our fantastic team of volunteers are working tirelessly to bring you an amazing event. Attached as a flyer is a letter for your unit parents. Please do circulate it out to them so as many girls have the opportunity to take part.

Guidance on when meetings may resume

Hopefully you have had the chance to read last night's “Making Guiding Happen”.

Following a Government announcement on 1st July we are looking at the possibility of being able to return to face to face meetings within the next couple of weeks.

HOWEVER this will be under strict guidelines, and dependant on individual Leaders personal situation. These meetings will be OUTSIDE ONLY and in small groups following Govt. Guidelines which is currently max group size of 6. 2 Leaders and 4 Girls. Guiding is finalising the process but it is likely a Risk Assessment would be required with regards to Covid and safety including the use of PPE sent to your DC who will make the decision if you meet the criteria.

If localised lockdowns come into force this will also affect returning.

There is also a survey coming out soon please do take the time to complete.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/coronavirus-keeping-safe/>

Birthday Badge Sales

We are now taking orders for the Counties 75th Birthday badge. Cost 75pence each please email countycommissioner@ggme.co.uk with order numbers, delivery won't be for several weeks.

Sad News

Mary Coulter sadly passed away last week following a massive stroke. She was a member of the Trefoil and Friend Of Northern Heights recently stepping down from her lengthy stint as FoNH Secretary.

First Response

You may have seen in the 10th June Discover Grow that the policy around First Response is changing when face to face meeting resume.

A practical change is that when face-to-face meetings resume there will be a requirement for first aid cover to be provided at all meetings; we know that most of you are doing this already. We'll explain more in next month's *Making guiding happen*.

Currently policy:- There must be at least one person with valid 1st Response or equivalent first aid training on every Unit Leadership team.

New form for girls starting during virtual meetings

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/membership-administration/starting-and-transferring-girls/?utm_source=dotmaileremails&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11630589_Discover%2C%20grow%2024%20June%202020

To help you understand the digital safeguarding policy, HQ have developed a new e-learning. It has practical examples of how you can protect yourself and girls while using digital tools. It takes 20 minutes and gives you relevant scenarios to work through. This is for all volunteers who use digital tools.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/learning-and-development/digital-safeguarding/>

Webinars Online

Are you running online meetings???? or thinking about it but not sure where to start??

There are about 45 trainings currently on offer via Webinars each with 500 spaces.

Log into GO under your name top right click down to events for the list.

Some in the next couple of days are

Getting started with remote learning 07/07

Getting started with holding meetings online 07/07

Hints and Tips for successful Rainbows online 09/07

Hints and Tips for successful Brownies online 10/07

Hints and Tips for successful Guides online 10/07

DBS

Don't worry if you get an email about your DBS expiring - they have been extended until a safe and secure way for completion is found. We will hopefully be able to resume completing these in the very near future

A Safe Space 3

There are currently 16 Safe Space trainers Nationally being trained to run ASS3 online. Only 2 in LaSER and only 16 people can be trained per session.

They hope to go live late August with trainings.

County Thanks and Recognition Afternoon

Postponed from 7th June with a provisional new date of 17th October 2020

County Day

Postponed from 12th September 2020 new date TBC

Guide Day

Postponed from 3rd October 2020 to 22nd May 2021 - Tolmers

Northern Heights

The Government has announced that Hotels, B&B's and campsites can reopen but it does not recommend meetings of multiple households indoors because of the risk of infection. The decision has been made to keep the Site closed for the month of July.

August will be reviewed nearer the time.

Awards

Our annual County Presentation has been rescheduled for 17th October at Ewen Hall, Wood Street, Barnet

Please continue to send any nominations to awards@ggme.co.uk